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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT - TRAIN VISIT

1. AT THE END OF THE SECOND DAY OF NEGOTIATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL TALKS APPEAR TO BE GOING WELL. THE SOVIETS ARE DISPLAYING A VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND AN OBVIOUS DESIRE FOR GENUINE COOPERATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA.
2. THE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN MOVING ALONG SMOOTHLY WITH BROAD AREAS OF AGREEMENT BEING REACHED QUICKLY. SO FAR WE HAVE NOT RUN INTO ANY SERIOUS DIVERGENCIES OF VIEW. ALL DISCUSSIONS AND PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO IDEOLOGICAL STATEMENTS WHATSOEVER. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN NO EFFORT SO FAR ON THE SOVIET PART TO MINIMIZE POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE USSR.
3. SUBJECTS COVERED IN DISCUSSIONS SO FAR ARE: AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS FROM AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, URBAN ENVIRONMENT, PRESERVATION OF NATURE, AND MARINE POLLUTION. WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS LATE WEDNESDAY AND TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT READY FOR SIGNATURE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, WE PLAN TO ANNOUNCE TEXT OF

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AGREEMENT (WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE CALLED "MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION") AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING SIGNING. THIS WOULD BE BETWEEN TWO AND THREE PM MOSCOW TIME THURSDAY.

4. IN GENERAL, SOVIETS HAVE ACCEPTED SUBSTANCE OF ALL OUR PROPOSALS WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS (E.G. OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN). THEY HAVE GENERALLY PRESSED NOT TO MOVE TO VISITS BY DELEGATIONS TOO EARLY, RULING OUT OCTOBER IN ALL CASES. SOME HAVE BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER, MOST LATER.

5. FACILITIES IN DOM SOIUZOV ARE HANDSOME BUT HYDROMET HAS GIVEN MANY PROBLEMS IN ITS INEXPERIENCE IN HANDLING SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. THERE SEEMS TO BE GOOD WILL AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE GRADUALLY IMPROVING.

6. ONLY SOUR NOTE HAS BEEN REFUSAL THUS FAR TO ALLOW TWO RESIDENT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS TO ACCOMPANY TRAIN TO SIBERIA. WE INTEND PRESS MATTER, BUT FEDEROV SAYS HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE FIRM.

7. SOVIET TELEVISION SHOWED FILM OF CHAIRMAN TRAIN'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW, AND ALSO COVERED OPENING SESSION INCLUDING TRAIN'S STATEMENT.

8. CHAIRMAN TRAIN, DELEGATES WHITE, HERTER, EGEBERG AND SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK ATTENDED OPENING SESSION OF SUPREME SOVIET TODAY AND HEARD CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN OF STATE COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRESENT REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND PRESENT PROGRAMS.

9. WE ARE PLANNING TO INCLUDE SAN FRANCISCO IN ADDITION TO ATLANTA AS SPECIFIED CITY FOR URBAN AREA. PLEASE INFORM GOVERNOR REAGAN'S OFFICE OF THESE PLANS.

10. IT APPEARS LIKELY ALTHOUGH NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN THAT SOVIETS WOULD SIGN MEMORANDUM IN FINAL FORM ON THURSDAY RATHER THAN SIGN AD REFERENDUM. US DELEGATION IS SATISFIED THAT ALL ITEMS TO BE AGREED UPON ARE FULLY WITHIN SCOPE OF AGREED US POSITIONS. WE PLAN PROPOSE THIRTY-DAY REVIEW CLAUSE. IF SOVIETS ACCEPT THIS CLAUSE, AND NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AS WELL AS AT PRESENT, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO SIGN ON THURSDAY. THEREFORE WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT, IF IT FEELS NECESSARY,

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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT

V. G. YERMOLENKO, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION OF GOSSTROY, REVEALED JUNE 12 AT OPENING SESSION WITH US WATER QUALITY DELEGATION CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW THAT ACADEMICIAN YEVGENIY KONSTANTINOVICH FEDOROV, CHIEF OF MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF HYDROMETROLOGICAL SERVICES OF USSR (YDDROMET), HAS BEEN DESIGNATED HEAD FOR SOVIET SIDE OF US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. GDSKLOSSON

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